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**FORMER FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICER INDICTED ON BRIBERY CHARGE
AND ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE CONTRABAND IN FEDERAL PRISON**

U.S. Attorney Dunn Lampton, Teresa Gulotta-Powers, Special Agent in Charge in the Miami Office, Department of Justice, Office of Inspector General, and Bruce Pearson, Warden for the Federal Correctional Complex at Yazoo City, Mississippi, announced that **RAYMOND MORTON** made his initial appearance in federal court today on federal bribery charges and charges of attempting to provide contraband to an inmate in federal prison.

Morton, a former Federal Correctional Officer at the Federal Correctional Complex at Yazoo City, Mississippi, was indicted on April 8, 2008, by a federal grand jury for agreeing to receive and accept bribes from a federal inmate. If convicted of the bribery charge, Morton faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The indictment also charges Morton with attempting to provide prohibited objects (tobacco) to an inmate at the Federal Correctional Complex. If convicted of this crime, Morton faces a maximum sentence of 6 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

U.S. Attorney Lampton commended the investigative efforts of the Special Agents of the Office of Inspector General, Department of Justice, and the Investigative Agents with the Bureau of Prisons at the Federal Correctional Complex in Yazoo City, Mississippi. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mike Hurst.

Lampton also noted that, as in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.

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